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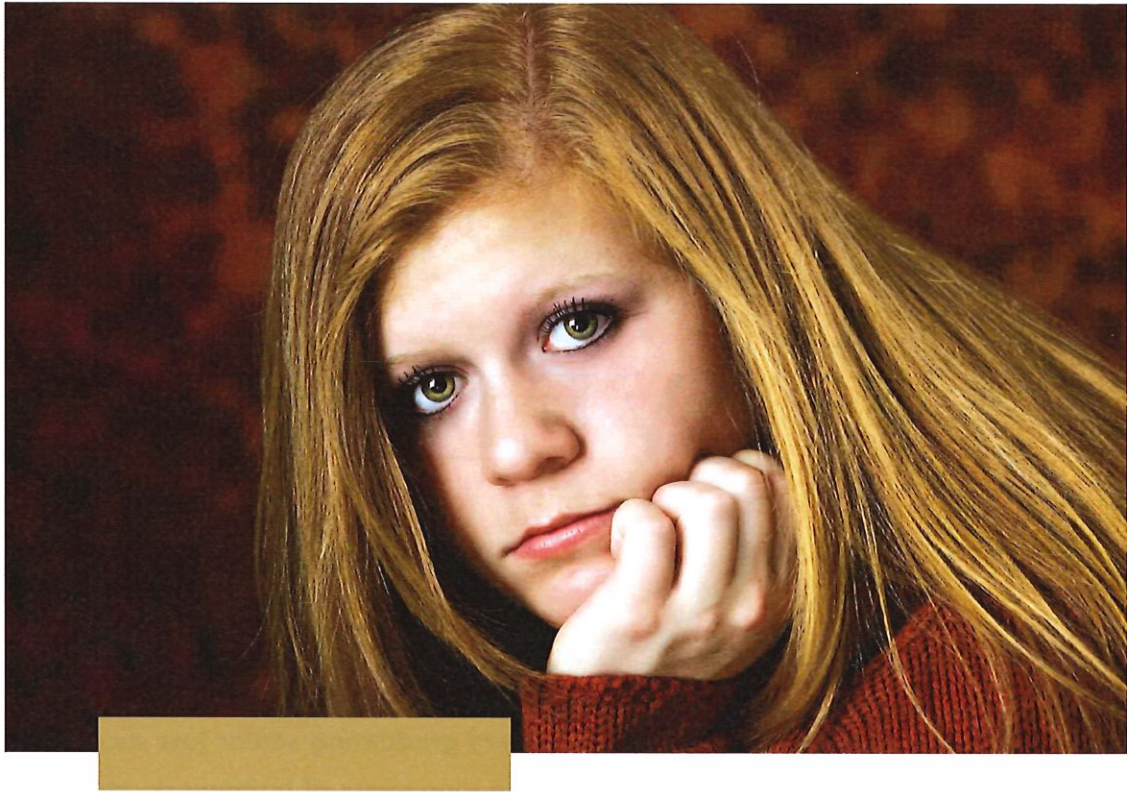
You've just completed a monumental rite of passage.

You and every graduating senior just succeeded through twelve long years of homework, studying, extracurricular activities, and finals. You deserve to be celebrated in a big way!

Celebrate everything that made your high school career so special with a professional high school senior portrait session. Senior photos are the best way to capture and share the excitement of graduating with friends and family members.

We'll be there every step of the way to help you prepare for your senior portrait session, show off what makes you uniquely you, and get some timeless images both you and your family can't wait to share. Let's get started!





HOW TO INCORPORATE YOUR INTERESTS

Who says your high school senior portraits have to look like everyone else's? There's only one you. You're delightfully unique, just like your high school experience was. Don't be afraid to infuse your unique interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities into your high school senior portrait session. Here are a few ideas of how you can do that:

Take photos at a meaningful location

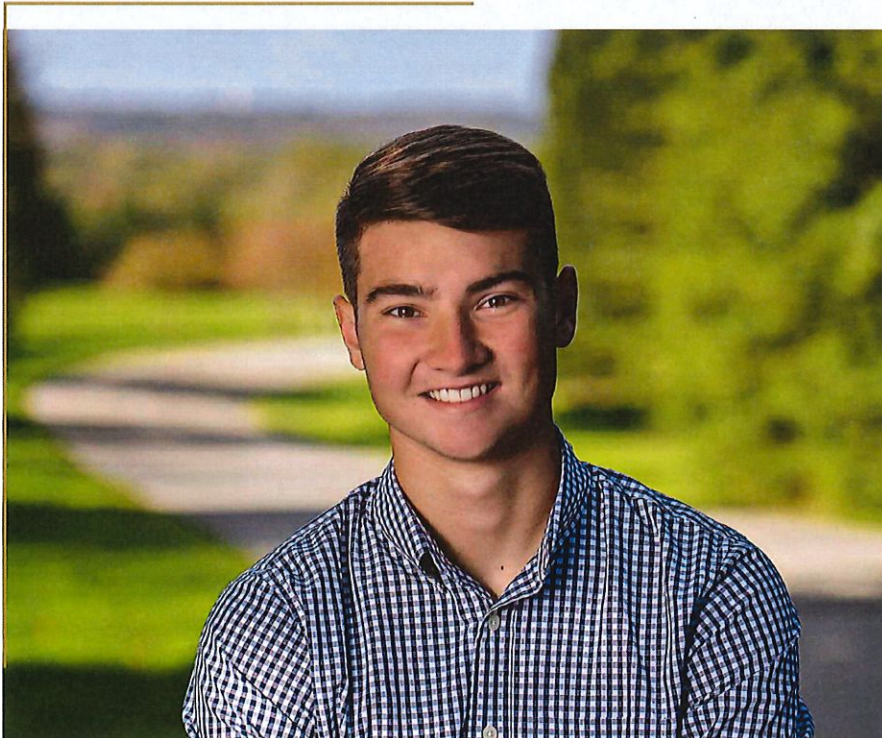
Use your surroundings to tell the unique story of your high school experience. If you spent every second of your spare time in the art room, take a few shots of you painting there. If you were on the swim team, bring your goggles and a swim cap and schedule a session at the pool. If you were a tennis star, hit the court and strike a pose. Make your photos your own!

Dress the part

If you were on the high school football team, wear your uniform. If you were the lead in the school musical, wear your favorite costume. If you were on the dance team, wear your leotard. We will accommodate an outfit change or two, so you can always get other photos that are a little more traditional.

Bring props

Take along a few props to your photoshoot to illustrate what you love to do and what you're best at. Did you play in the school orchestra? Bring your flute. Were you your soccer team's number one striker? Grab your soccer ball and a pair of cleats. The more creative, the better!



TIPS FOR CHOOSING A LOCATION



You know what they say – location is everything. And when it comes to your senior portrait photos, that's especially true. When choosing the location for your photoshoot, you'll want to think about your personal preference, your wardrobe choices, and where you'll feel the most comfortable.

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Get inspiration from other photos

Take a look at our website portfolio or Instagram page to see senior portrait sessions we've shot in the past. That way, you'll get a feel for our style and what types of photos you like best. Ask friends who have already graduated if you can look through their photos. If you're a fan of the posed, polished look, we'll schedule a studio session for you. If you like the more natural, candid look, take photos outside at a nearby park.

2

Think about your wardrobe

When choosing a location, consider what you'll be wearing. If you're planning on dressing fancy, a more formal studio setting might be more appropriate. If you're bringing your football uniform as one of your outfits, you'll look most at home on the football field. If you're wearing a more casual outfit, an outdoor location

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Choose a location you'll feel comfortable

If you feel awkward or out of place, chances are it'll show in your photos. So if the thought of going to an unfamiliar photography studio makes you feel a little intimidated, go with a location you feel more comfortable in instead – such as your backyard or at your school.

HAIR, SKIN & NAILS: *DO'S & DON'TS*

DO

Style your hair.

Your wardrobe isn't the only thing you need to consider for your photo session – you'll want to make sure your hair looks nice, too. Consider how your hairstyle will look from every angle. Use a little more product to secure your hairstyle than you're used to, especially if you'll be taking your photos outside. And don't forget to bring some extra product and a comb along with you just in case!



DON'T

Get a haircut the day of.

Don't get a major haircut the day of or the day before you're planning on taking your high school senior photos. You never know if your hairstylist is going to accidentally chop off an inch too much!





DO
Be gentle with your skin.

In the days leading up to your shoot, use gentle products that will keep your skin clean and moisturized. This is not the time to squeeze and dry out blemishes or try new skincare products.

DO
Stay hydrated.

Drinking enough water every day the week before your session will do wonders for your skin and your photos.



DON'T
Overpluck your eyebrows.

Understandably, you want your eyebrows to look neat and shaped but don't get too carried away. Overly thin or uneven eyebrows will stand out in photos.

DO
Come prepared on the day.

If you will be changing outfits, bring makeup, a brush, and some hair products along with you on the day. This way, you can easily fix any stray hairs or smudged makeup.

DO

Wear a little more makeup than you're used to.

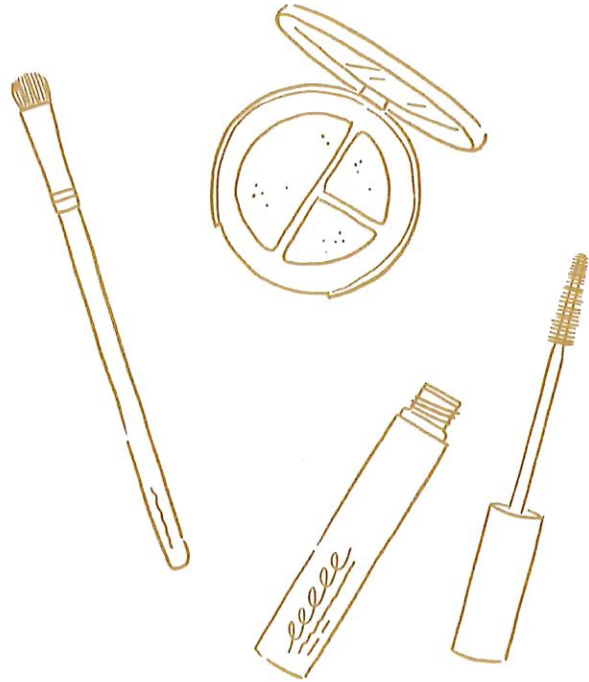
The camera doesn't capture color with as much vibrancy as is visible in real life. Wearing a little more makeup than you're used to will help you avoid looking washed out in your photos.

Consider getting your makeup professionally done so you look your best and don't have to worry about getting ready by yourself. But whether you decide to DIY your look or have the pros take care of it, we'd suggest having a trial makeup run before your session.

DON'T

Go overboard.

Go a little heavier on the blush and foundation, but leave the green eyeshadow and dark lipstick at home. (Unless that's your thing!)



DO

Make sure your nails look clean and polished.

Dirty or unkempt fingernails can distract from your face. Your nails should be trimmed and cleaned so they look as nice as you do.

DON'T

Let your nail color steal the show.

Let's just put it this way – if you're wearing a white dress and bright purple nail polish, it's gonna stand out! We want everyone to focus on your face, not your fingernails. Consider your wardrobe choice when choosing a nail polish color.

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WHAT TO WEAR

The clothes you wear can communicate a lot about your style, your interests, and your personality. Make thoughtful choices about what to wear to your senior portrait session. Choose outfits that help you look and feel your best – and remember to bring along a few options on the day of! Here are a few ideas of what to wear:

CAP & GOWN

Wearing your cap and gown immediately sends the message: “I graduated!” Consider wearing traditional graduation garb so you have at least one of those quintessential graduation photos. (After all, when else are you gonna wear your cap and gown?)

A FAVORITE OUTFIT

Dress in an outfit you love that makes you feel great, shows off your individual style, and expresses who you really are. Resist the urge to go out and buy a brand new outfit or wear something uncomfortable. If you’re wearing a dress you’re not used to or shoes that give you blisters, it’ll be difficult for you to live in the moment and relax.

SOMETHING THAT SHOWS OFF YOUR PERSONALITY

Wear your cheerleading outfit, your baseball uniform, or your dance costume. Wear that cute beret that’d help people who know you spot you from a mile away. Wear that vintage find you got from the thrift store. Wear whatever makes you you!

DRESS UP

You want to look like you – but you also want to look your best! That doesn’t mean you have to wear a fancy dress or a suit if that isn’t something you’d usually wear, but try to look nice. Make sure your clothes are clean and unwrinkled. Consider wearing a button-up shirt or a blouse instead of a t-shirt. Remember, these photos will be around for years to come!



ADDING ACCESSORIES TO YOUR SESSION

Your wardrobe is just one of many things you'll want to consider as you prepare for your senior portrait session. The right accessories can take your entire look to the next level. Of course, the wrong accessories can distract from what's most important – your gorgeous smile and your amazing accomplishments. From earrings to necklaces to sunglasses and hats, here are a few accessorizing tips for your high school senior portrait session:

Bring a few options.

Take multiple accessories to your photoshoot so you have plenty of choices. Plan which pieces you'll wear with which outfit if you're planning on doing a wardrobe change. Consult with us about how certain pieces look on camera. Consider taking a few photos without any accessories at all, just in case you end up liking a simpler look best.

Glasses or no glasses?

If you usually wear glasses, bring them along to your photoshoot. Remember, you want to look like yourself! You can always snap a few shots without them so you have options. Just bring your glasses case so you can stow them away whenever you're not wearing them.

Change things up.

You don't need to wear the same accessories with every outfit. Change things up in the accessories department if you want each outfit to be completely unique. For example, you could choose to wear a hat with one outfit and fun socks with another. You could wear earrings with one dress and a summer hat with a floral dress.



Stay organised.

Bring your accessories in a jewelry case so things don't get tangled or lost. The last thing you need during your photoshoot is to lose an earring!

Keep it simple.

Accessories can add a unique finishing touch to your outfit, but you don't want it to be the first thing that people notice. Your jewelry and accessories should ideally not be bulky or overly bright and busy. Choose pieces that are simple and complement each of your outfits.